

89. (Amended) A prescription according to claim 70 in which said system further comprises means for transmitting said electronic prescription across a network for fulfillment by a specified pharmacy.

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90. (Amended) A prescription according to claim 88 in which said system further comprises a technique to print a dosage schedule output for said patient.

REMARKS

This Second Preliminary Amendment is being filed supplemental to the Preliminary Amendment filed with the Rule 53b Continuation Application on August 30, 2001. Entry of this Second Preliminary Amendment prior to examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 71, 73, 74, 75, 78, 79, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 87, 88, 89, and 90 have been amended as follows:

71. (Amended) A prescription according to claim 70 [having] in which the system has at least one preferred usage data display including a personal-preference drug-selection list for each system user wherein the system tracks preferred data usage by each system user and updates said preferred usage data displays automatically.

73. (Amended) A prescription according to claim 70 [further comprising] in which said system further comprises a patient history record for display, said patient history record listing electronically available prior prescription data including a prescribed drug and a condition treatment objective for each prescribed drug.

74. (Amended) A prescription according to claim 73 [comprising] in which said system further comprises a patient condition list for selection of a patient condition for posting to said prescription, said patient condition list comprising patient conditions listed in said patient history record.

75. (Amended) A prescription according to claim 70 [comprising] in which said system further comprises a source-oriented data-retrieval subsystem, said data retrieval subsystem being connectable to access at least one data-retrieval network to retrieve source prescribing

information and patient-related data to the point-of-care from at least one remote source database.

78. (Amended) A prescription according to claim 77 [implemented on] in which said system includes a user interface device configured for networked digital communication with a host computer facility, wherein said patient history record is retrieved in the form of complementary record elements from multiple remote databases by said host computer facility.

79. (Amended) A prescription according to claim 70 [wherein said] in which said system is configured to display drugs in [said] a drug list, [are] classified into groups according to patient conditions for which said drugs have efficacy and said prescription creation system further comprises a patient-condition specification procedure for selecting said condition from groups of possible conditions and an onscreen drug selection procedure for selecting said prescribed drug from said library.

81. (Amended) A prescription according to claim 70 [including] in which said system includes means to access remote source databases containing said drug formulary information and provided by the selected patient's prescription benefits management company whereby relevant patient formulary drugs are indicated to said user on screen.

82. (Amended) A prescription according to claim 70 [including] in which said system provides information regarding prescribability of a drug pursuant to formulary guidelines, said information being formulary-qualified according to said patient condition.

83. (Amended) A prescription according to claim 82 [comprising] in which said system further comprises a user data access auditor to log information as to the time, date and identity of third party access to said user history data, to provide a user data access audit trail.

84. (Amended) A prescription according to claim 70 [comprising] in which said system further comprises a prescription expiration routine including dosing, amount and expiration drug quantifiers and comprising system calculation of a relationship between said drug quantifiers.

85. (Amended) A prescription according to claim 70 [comprising] in which said system further comprises organization-generated source data retrievable for display in said prescription-creation system from at least one remote database, an organization-directed data-access control subsystem including data-access control specification means enabling an organization to authorize selective third party access to said organization-generated source data and comprising data access control means whereby only an authorized third party can access said organization-generated source data.

87. (Amended) A prescription according to claim 70 [wherein said] in which said system further comprises drug information that comprises associated condition information and dosage information for at least about fifty percent of all prescribable FDA-approved drugs.

88. (Amended) A prescription according to claim 70 [comprising] in which said system further comprises output means to output a newly created electronic prescription additionally to

local storage to remote storage or to remote file transfer as an electronic prescription, the system providing all said output options.

89. (Amended) A prescription according to claim 70 [comprising] in which said system further comprises means for transmitting said electronic prescription across a network for fulfillment by a specified pharmacy.

90. (Amended) A prescription according to claim 88 [comprising a printed] in which said system further comprises a technique to print a dosage schedule output for said patient.